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## Questions on three big stories:

## missile, a scandal, a stolen secret

With the world's eyes fixed on the Catoctin Mountain summit, questions go unasked about three of the biggest stories of the year:

1. The escalation of the Communist drive to take over Africa. A possibility exists that a surface-to-air missile brought down a Rhodesian airliner. If that

Pat Oliphant, whose carteen usually appears on this page, is on vacation.

is true, who armed the terrorists headed by Joshua Nkomo with missiles?

When the Soviets tried to arm Cuba with missiles capable of hitting the U.S., we readily went to the brink of war. If it should turn out that the Soviets are supplying missiles to terrorists in Africa (and that is not yet proven) should we not at least stop trying to under-mine the "internal settle-ment"? What would we do if Palestinian terrorists were supplied with missiles? Or Puerto Rican nationalists?

2. The biggest moneystealing scandal in the history of the American government. On July 26, after being shown evidence of widespread corruption, Jimmy Carter authorized the Justice Department to enter the investigation of the General Services Administration. On July 27, he authorized the firing of Robert T. Griffin, a Tip O'-Neill crony who had been with the agency for 35 years and had been its acting head during the '76-'77 interregnum.

At the time, we were told Soviets. the Griffin dismissal was Inquiring senators have this episode may indicate

cratic incompatibility: Tip's man just couldn't get along with the new agency chief. But why should the president risk a major blowup with his muchneeded House Speaker over a simple patronage matter?

What was the real reason for forcing Tip's man out? We have been assured that Mr. Griffin is a man of "high moral character and personal integrity"; if so, why was he not left in place to help ferret out the grafters in the agency he knew better than anybody?

If, on the other hand, Mr. Griffin was seen to be personally honest but likely to protect his old pals, or to drag a foot if the investigation reached congressmen who may have cut a few deals, then why was Tip's crony given a \$50,000 sinecure in the Carter White House? That's quite a place to put somebody you do not trust.

3. The theft of vital national security information about our super-secret "Big Bird" satellite. We have a dozen photographic reconnaisance satellites sensitive enough to read the license plates on the cars of Kremlin officials. This "Big Bird" is the best source of intelligence we have to verify Soviet SALT compliance.

Three weeks ago, a 23year-old clerk named William Kampiles, who had worked for the CIA eight months last year, was arrested for stealing the manual of this ultra-secret satellite and selling it to the

numbered copies of this "agent in place" high up in document were at CIA the CIA. headquarters. Stansfield these:

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have that permits a clerk to manual? Who knew of take home a document too previous Soviet espionage large to fold? And what in- probes - at TRW a year of three copies of our at this kind of reconnaimissing for 10 months with this defector "burned" nobody noticing?

What kind of intelligence protect the agent in place? show is Adm. Turner runsignificant changes in countering our "Big Bird" throughout the agency?

me that this may be "the sumption that our intellimost dangerous penetration gence agency has been of our intelligence since the infiltrated. Soviets put a man in the National Security Agency in the late '50s."

This concern goes deeper than the loss of one great secret and beyond the need to tighten security procedures. It rejects the notion that any young man can get himself hired by the CIA, be given immediate access to the most intimate secrets of a nation's arsenal, and be able to walk out one sunny day with the single secret that the Soviets want most.

The concern of intelligence professionals is that

just a matter of bureau- been told that only three the presence of a Soviet

The possibility of an Turner's ashen-faced aides American Philby always. have been fumbling for an-draws great chuckies from swers to questions like our leaders; but put on the eyeglasses of the legendary How was it possible for a Edward Jay Epstein or new, young clerk to be in novelist Graham Greene

Who at CIA recruited this young man? Who would What kind of security sys- know to what place to direct tem information does CIA him, or his cut-out, for the credible laxity permits one ago, for example - aimed closest-held manual to be sance information? Was deliberately turned in -- to

This CIA might try to ning that picks up signs that brush these questions off as the Soviets were making fanciful, contending instead that the recent theft was the work of one man trying to without setting off alarms make some money - but more than one senator of A profoundly experienced the Select Intelligence Comintelligence operative tells mittee is working on the asNext 1 Page(s) In Document Exempt

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